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#### COMMISSION RETURNS A JUST VERDICT.

Bitter condemnation of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, for neglecting to comply with specific instruction to install safety devices and exercising greater caution in train running was contained in the Interstate Commerce Commission's report today on the Westport, Conn., wreck, which occurred on October 3. The non-observance of the Commission's rules and "pessimistic hopelessness" of attitude on the part of the railroad officials the Commission ascribes. The Westport catastrophe and its attending loss of life and limb.

The Commission censured Engineer Clark, of the wrecked train, for disregarding regulations regarding curtailment of speed, but held the railway mostly to blame for the rigid requirements of high speed trains.

"In all essential particulars," the report declared, "this accident was a duplicate of the accident to the Federal express at Bridgeport, on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, on July 11, 1911, which resulted in the death of 14 persons and the injury of 54.

"This Commission is satisfied that the neglect to comply with the recommendations in its report on the Bridgeport wreck was largely a contributing cause of the Westport accident and its accompanying loss of life.

"To meet the requirements of a situation disclosed by the Bridgeport wreck, similar in all respects to the accident under consideration, no new devices have been installed, or seriously investigated, nor have any attempts been made by this railroad to experiment with the devices intended for the purpose of meeting these emergencies. Devices to automatically stop trains are in constant use in tunnels and elevated railroads in and about New York. In the adaptation of some similar device to use on such a railroad as the N. Y. N. H. and H., the practical operating difficulties are by no means insuperable.

"The public interest involved and a decent regard for the safety of the lives of those who travel do not justify a great railroad in passively waiting until some private inventor at his own cost develops to full perfection appliances which will 'absolutely' prevent the occurrence of such accidents."

All big railroads, the report declared, should themselves devote money and time to development of such devices.

#### REBUKE TO GOV. BLEASE.

A dispatch from Columbia, S. C., says public opinion of the better class throughout South Carolina generally deprecates and condemns such utterances as those of Governor Cole. L.

Bleasé at the Governors' Conference in Richmond, where he indulged in lynch and promised his acquiescence in mob violence. His action, however, was not a surprise. He has always conducted his campaigns on this basis, one of his most notorious declarations being "I stand by my friends."

Statistics are quoted to show that since he has taken office there has been a great increase in the number of lynchings.

In the last Democratic primary Governor Bleasé was renominated by a majority of about 2,000 in a total of 140,000 votes cast. It was freely charged that there had been ballot box stuffing, but the state executive committee declared itself unable to find proof of fraud sufficient to throw out the nomination.

Governor Bleasé's declaration that he will enter the Senate in 1915 undoubtedly means that he intends to run for the Democratic nomination for the Senate in opposition to C. E. Smith, whose term expires in 1915. It is probable that Senator Smith will run.

The United States Senatorship in South Carolina is decided by the primary, the legislative candidates, all Democrats usually, being bound to support the nominee of the primary.

#### Strange Charges.

Declaring that her life was being made miserable by the persistency of her husband in following her to church on Sunday evening and in kissing her whenever the opportunity offered. Mrs. Verna Chance, of Baltimore, appealed for help to Justice Dean, at the Northeastern Police station yesterday afternoon.

She asked the magistrate to order her husband to desist in his attentions. The Justice not only refused but sympathized with the husband.

William Chance, was the man in the case. Mrs. Chance stated that her husband followed her to church on Sunday evening and after services would slip up to her when nobody was looking and snatch a kiss from her.

Chance in his defense said that his mother-in-law had caused an estrangement between his wife and himself.

"I loved my wife before I married her," he said, "and I love her now. I want to keep on loving her. I always try to find out where she is going to church on Sunday night. Then I go to services so that I can look at her once a week. After services, if I get a chance, I always try to steal a kiss."

The magistrate advised the two to try to make up and live happy ever afterward.

#### Disastrous Fire.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 7.—Seventy-five thousand dollars loss was caused by a fire which destroyed the business section of McMechen, eight miles south of here early today. Six structures including the Municipal building were destroyed. Guests in Frank Hart's Hotel in Sixth street were driven to the street in their night clothes.

The buildings destroyed included: Frank Hart's Hotel, owned by William Schadt; the City Hall; John Weidman's confectionery store; Sulzer Clothing store, Schultz Meat Market and Kearns residence. Aid was summoned from Wheeling, Benwood and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad sent an engine to help fight the flames.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 7.—Fire which caused a loss of about \$3,000, occurred at six o'clock this morning in Witherspoon Hall, Princeton University. This is the largest dormitory in the university and more than 1,500 students were routed out in pajamas.

The fire started in the room of M. M. Gitchlow and M. M. Dixon, both of the class of 1913.

#### Big Claim.

London, Dec. 7.—The suit of the National Telephone Company against which is the biggest claim ever brought before the British courts, today ended its twelfth week and seem nowhere near finished. The British telephone service was transferred to the post office department and the owners asked \$104,623,500 for the transfer. The postmaster general held that \$50,000,000 was ample and refused to allow more. Two and one-half tons of documentary evidence has been introduced. Solicitor General Sir John Simon spoke for seven and one half days, and the total cost of the litigation will run over \$5,000,000.

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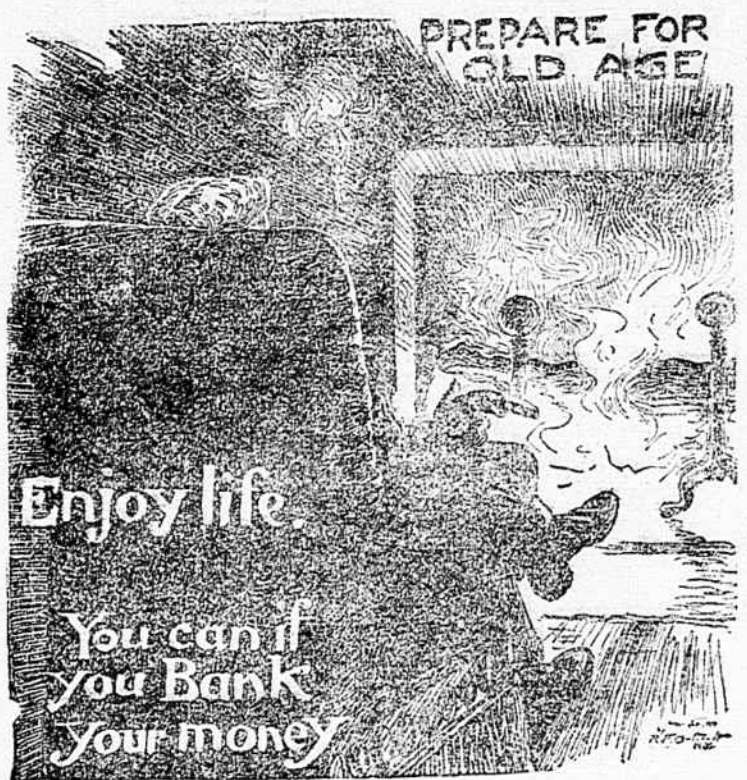
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Therefore in pursuance of said decree the undersigned Special Commissioners of said court will expose to sale said fifty acres of land, at a price not less than \$30 per acre, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1913, in front of the ROYAL STREET ENTRANCE to the MARKET HOUSE, ALEXANDRIA, VA., being bounded and described as follows: Lot No. 1 of Groveton Farm, beginning at "A" in the centre of the county road where the line of Henderson or the Smoot tract crosses the same, and thence with said line South 89 1-2 degrees East on a steel wire line 21 1-2 degrees East 19.75 chains to a corner of Lot No. 2; thence with the line of the same North 68 1-2 degrees West 24.80 chains to the aforesaid County road; and thence with the aforesaid County road to the beginning, containing fifty acres, more or less, said land being well wooded and in convenient driving distance of Alexandria City, Va.

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